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## Editorially Speaking

The tact and skill with which the enemy of our souls operates is amazing. For sheer brilliance, it would be the envy of any field general. There is not a psychologist alive that could not learn much concerning the application of his trade from Satan.

He always attacks at the heart and core, although never obviously. His chief aims, of course, are to prevent the Christian from spending time with God's Word and time in prayer. With this accomplished, he knows it is just a matter of time until the believer will be completely overcome.

These aims are successfully worked out by the enemy when he gets the Christian to feel it is not *necessary* to wait before God. He will cause him to feel his experience is exceedingly strong and does not need day by day devotion. He will cause him to feel his knowledge of the Word is superior and does not need to study much further in the Scripture.

This is just the beginning of his subtlety. He is at his best when he has the Christian believing that what he, the Christian, is doing is right. Here, many have fallen. For example, the believer may feel that hours of work for God are what he should be doing, but all the time God is desirous for his child to simply wait. Thus in this trap, the Christian is drawn away.

It calls for one conclusion. We, because of the craftiness of the enemy, need to be led of the Holy Spirit. Out from under this divine direction, the most well meaning saint may go astray.

This is the age of the Holy Spirit. He must be in us completely. We must look to Him completely. And as we are led of Him and He works through us, will the perfect plan of God be done, and the enemy defeated.



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### The Cover Picture

All three of the District Officers were re-elected at the recent District Council in Santa Rosa. They are pictured on our cover with their wives. Seated, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhart. Standing, (left to right) Rev. and Mrs. Ruben A. Wilson and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Edgar.

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**I**S HEALING in the atonement? Is healing in the atonement on the same basis as salvation from sin? Is there any difference in the thought of the above questions? Definitely so!

The burden of this article is not to set forth the doctrine of divine healing and defend it from those who oppose it. For this subject is no longer new to us, nor is it a matter peculiar to our movement alone. It is spreading rapidly to many of the denominations. Neither is there any serious objection to the assertion that healing comes to us as a benefit and blessing of the atoning work of Christ. (Isaiah 53:4-5). Fundamental Bible believers accept without hesitation the fact that "all things are yours" through Christ, and that they are "by Him" — not because of His deity or humanity or example, but by His atoning work on Calvary. (Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:16-21). All that man lost in the fall was due to sin. All that he ever regains is through the atonement for that sin. Thus healing for the body, like any other blessing we receive, is in, of, by, or through the atonement.

However, when some believers interpret the term "in the atonement" to mean that the blessing of divine healing has equal claim, or has the same absolute basis for claiming, as does our salvation from sin, then, a division of opinions occurs.

We note in the accompanying chart that sin has wrought its evil on the whole man — spirit, soul and body. The spirit has become separated from God and is dead in its sin and trespasses. The soul is alienated from God now and faces a future separation in the Second Death. The body is smitten with the curse of sickness, infirmities, increased pain in childbirth, and eventual death and the grave. The earth is cursed also which further taxes the body in its labors.

The atonement of the cross has met the demands of the curse on all three phases of man, and in turn, brings its rich benefits to them all. This is where many draw the conclusion that the benefits for each part are equal and on the same unequivocal basis.

But look at the last column of the chart and note the spheres of function of these three parts of man. The spirit and the soul are eternal. The body is temporal — it lasts only for time. The moment one repents of his sin and accepts the atonement's provision of salvation, the spirit and soul is saved for eternity, untouched by death. No other act or provision is ever needed for their redemption as the believer walks faithfully with God.

# Healing in the Atonement?

by W. Cornish Jones

PASTOR, ASSEMBLY OF GOD, UKIAH

However, at salvation the body is unchanged. Although it is the vehicle of the redeemed spirit and soul it still remains accursed, frail, and subject to the ills of life. It cannot have eternal life. With its accompanying nature, it must be constantly mortified, put down and crucified. It must perish and go back to dust. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." Paul is careful to tell us in I Corinthians 15 that "the earthly is less in glory than the heavenly."

So the question automatically arises, is it conceivable that any provision for this unchanged, sin-cursed, time-limited body shall be on the SAME BASIS OF IMPORTANCE AND EQUALITY OF CHARACTER AND DEMAND as the salvation of the soul and spirit, which at once becomes eternally changed and quickened. Thus the difference between the OBJECTS on which the atonement operates and the SPHERES in which it functions creates a challenge to our thinking in this matter. Although separation from God, Hades and the Second Death were the consequences of sin for the soul and spirit, when they are redeemed these factors NEVER touch them again. Hades (Paradise) is moved to

the heavens. Physical death is but a release to glory for them both. But with the body, the story is different. The earth-curse, painful childbirth, sicknesses and afflictions, death and the grave are still with the redeemed child of God, even right up to the end of the age.

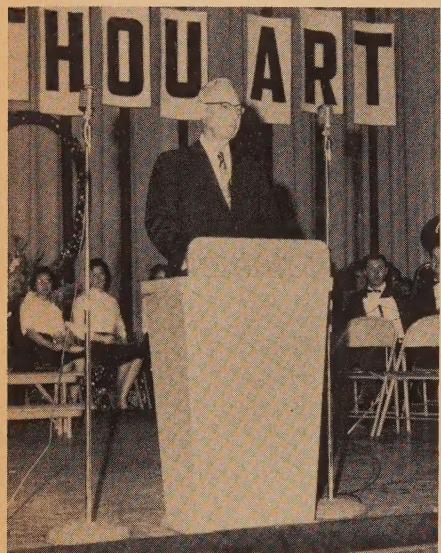
Jesus bore the curse on the earth in the crown of thorns, and yet saints as well as sinners battle with nature to produce crops. He bore death for every man in the atonement also, and came forth a proclaimed victor. Yet all saints from that day to this have died. (The only two persons to leave this world without death did so before Calvary.) Jesus bore all our sickness and infirmities on the cross, and yet the firmest believers in healing, the greatest men of faith, eventually weaken, sicken and die.

Why is this? The simple fact is that the body is not yet redeemed nor can it be. The spirit and soul are free from the curse at once because they are NOW released. The body must be changed — transformed. When this occurs, all the provisions of the atonement for it will be in force and effectual.

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CURSE OF SIN	GOD'S PROVISION	THE OBJECT	THE SPHERE OF FUNCTIONING
SEPARATION FROM GOD	A T O N E M E N T	SPIRIT	ETERNITY
HADES SECOND DEATH		SOUL	ETERNITY
EARTH CURSE Painful Childbirth Sickness, Infirmities Death Grave		BODY (Flesh and Blood)	TIME

# 43rd Annual



Rev. E. S. Williams, former general superintendent, was the guest speaker. Brother Williams, under the anointing, brought simple and forceful messages which effected the crowds.

With the theme, "How Great Thou Art," boldly written across the back of the convention platform, the 43rd Annual District Council of the Northern California and Nevada Assemblies of God met in Santa Rosa, California, from Feb. 27 to Mar. 3.

The convention was off to a fine start at the C. A. Rally on Monday evening. Under the direction of D-CAP Steve Asmuth, the full program attracted young people and adults alike to the Veterans' Memorial Building, site of the Council. A new C. A. feature was introduced which caught the interest of the crowd. This was an organized Bible quizz in which two teams were matched against each other. The speaker of the evening and for the entire Council was Rev. E. S. William.

Tuesday morning the W.M.C. held their Annual Devotion with Gladys Pearson as guest speaker. This was a time of spiritual blessing. That after-

noon the convention hall was filled to capacity for the Annual Penny Parade.

The annual Bethany Bible College corporation meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. Then in the evening rally, B.B.C. and the District Sunday School Department were featured.

At an early morning breakfast on Wednesday the Men's Fellowship met to enjoy the rich and full ministry of Rev. Ralph M. Riggs. That day the business sessions began and the work for which the ministers had come was undertaken.

The Wednesday evening rally under the direction of R. A. Wilson, featured Home and Foreign Missions. A number of missionaries were present and dressed in costume.

Thursday morning the B. B. C. Alumni met for their annual breakfast. An informal program was enjoyed.

In the business sessions of the day



W. M. C. Day at District Council is always something special. But this year surpassed them all. The convention hall was filled to capacity as the Penny Parade took place. When the judges report was in, Sacramento Valley won first place, North San Joaquin placed second and Redwood Section was third. Mrs. Vernon L. Klemin (upper left) receives the first place plaque from President Goldie Anderson. (Above) Mrs. Gene Forrest is awarded the second place trophy. (Left) The third place trophy was presented to Mrs. Joseph Murray.

# District Council

many matters of importance were dealt with by the Council. Among them was the re-election of the three District officers: Joseph L. Gerhart, superintendent, Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent, and Jack R. Edgar, secretary-treasurer.

Goldia Anderson and Elizabeth Gomes were re-elected to their positions in the W. M. C., president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

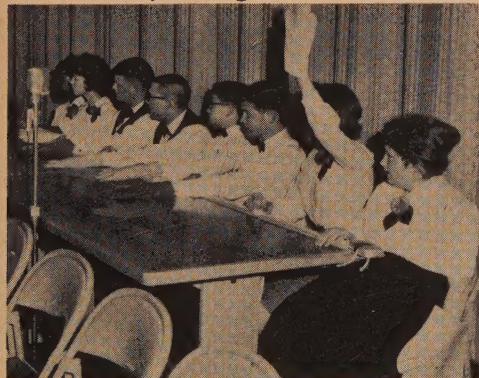
In the Men's Fellowship a new slate of officers was chosen. They were Gunnar Sondeno, president, Norman Hahn, vice president, and Enoch Christoffersen, secretary-treasurer.

An inspiring ordination service was conducted Thursday evening at which time 15 candidates were prayed over and ordained to the gospel by the District Presbyters.

At the Friday sessions the balance of the business was handled with the Council adjourning at 12:00 noon.



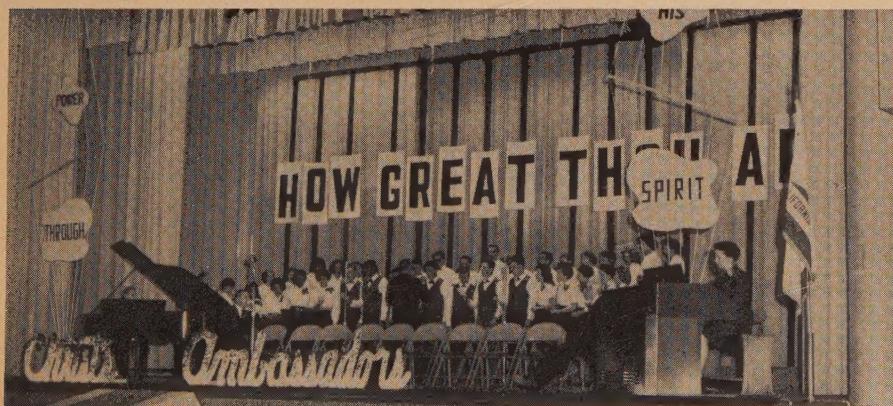
Thursday evening the annual ordination service was conducted. Prayer was offered by the District Presbyters for fifteen.



During the C. A. Rally, a quiz was a featured part of the program. Two teams competed over their knowledge of the book of Acts.



The District officers are seen as they help the Presbyters serve the memorial communion.



The theme, "How Great Thou Art", printed in bold black letters, supplied the backdrop for the platform.

## Council Comments

During the District Council many comments concerning it were overheard. With notebook in hand, we jotted some of these down. They are as follows:

"I have been attending Council in Northern California and Nevada for the past twenty years and feel this is one of the best meetings thus far."

"The spirit of unity here is the thing. This is the way, I am sure, God wants it to be."

"These Northern California Councils make you want to come back next year. I don't know of any district that has so much at their council as you have here. The displays in the lobby, the Penny Parade, so much good music and all the rest. It's just wonderful."

"Unity and love have been the keynote of this Council. We will have revival all through our District when we have it here. Thank God for these good leaders He has given us."

"I have enjoyed all of it. Especially the messages by Brother Williams."

# We Began A Training Hour

by Gene Anderson

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, BETHEL TEMPLE, HAYWARD



Sword drills are a favorite of the junior boys and girls. This makes them all a part of the activity.



The College-Career group often has a panel discussion. This stimulates thinking and draws from them their ideas.



Care is given with the beginners to have them participate throughout the session.



The Adults are offered three courses of study each quarter. They may choose the one which interests them the most.

ON October 2, 1960, people of Bethel Temple, Hayward, made their way to various classrooms and auditoriums of the church. The children found adult sponsors waiting to welcome them in a department for their age group. Dads and mothers brought tiny children, leaving them in the care of the crib room and nursery attendants. Junior highers found others of their own age gathered together, high schoolers met their own age group, college-age, single young people found that there was a warm fellowship in welcoming others of their own age, and the adults had chosen their own classes to attend.

What was going on? Sunday School? No. This was the Training Hour, a new experience in Christian education.

A growing concern has been felt here in Bethel Temple to offer our people the opportunity of gaining a better knowledge of Christian doctrine and practice. This hour of training is the answer to this concern. It is designed to instill our beliefs in the very lives of people. It is practical teaching of the basic principles of everyday Christian living, and is designed to develop potential leaders in the church.

You say, that is the job of the Sunday school. No, wait a minute, let's look at the real purpose and final result of the Sunday school. The primary purpose of the Sunday school is to TEACH God's Word with the goal of winning the pupils to Christ. It is the "evangelism hour".

On the other hand, the purpose of the Training Hour is to TRAIN, by doing. Here is the hour in the church that is the "leadership lifeline". With Training Hour you have an organized plan for *active participation* to train effective leaders, develop intelligent followers, and produce skilled believers capable of functioning effectively for Christ. These goals are being met through the Training Hour.

How did we begin? First of all we met with a Christian education committee to discuss our goals and ideas. Then we carefully selected the personnel. This is one of the secrets of a successful training hour, completely departmentalized, qualified adults had

to be chosen to lead the various departments from the tiniest babe up through the Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Jr. High, High School, College-Career, and Adults.

Next we carefully selected the curriculum, the life line of the Training Hour. This is the thing that will make or break the program. Graded lesson materials must be provided for every member of the family covering every age group.

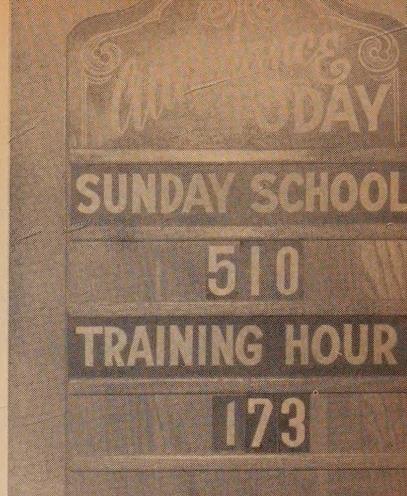
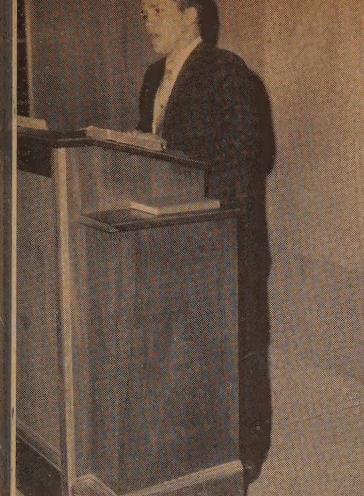
An attractive adult program with elective courses is offered. The adult has the privilege of choosing the class and course in which he wishes to participate. We began the first quarter with three courses: "Gifts of the Spirit", "Christianity vs. the Cults", and "Basic Truths for New Converts". This present quarter we have offered "Ways of Understanding God's Word", "Basic Christian Truths" (an elementary course in doctrine), and "Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible". From time to time we change the subjects or repeat a course so the adults who took the alternative may enjoy the second or third course. In the future adult elective courses we will offer subjects such as "Building a Christian Home", "How to be a Leader", "Growing a Christian Personality", "Effective Visitation", and "Personal Evangelism". We encourage all adults to join a class. These classes are attended by our Sunday School Staff and provide a year around Teacher Training Program.

Formerly, our C. A. youth service met at 5:45 p.m. It is now incorporated with our Training Hour Program, only with the advantage of dividing the former group into the present three youth departments — Jr. High, High School, and College-Career.

Our Training Hour has averaged approximately 30% of the Sunday School attendance. Our goal is 50% of our Sunday School attendance.

We have established a complete follow-up system and record system similar to the Sunday School. As in any other successful program the right kind of promotion is essential.

We thank God for the Training Hour and what it is doing for our boys and girls, young people and adults.



Training comes by doing. Here a high school student takes his turn in leading the group.

Because of it they can be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you (1 Pet. 3:15)." Recently, we have added an Assemblies of God catechism to our curriculum. It is a question and answer type learning

This is a "buzz session". High school students discuss a topic in separate groups and then compare their conclusions.

process covering every point of doctrine.

What will be the results of the Training Hour? Christians established in the faith, leaders of the church developed, missionaries, pastors, teachers and deacons from the boys, girls,

good per cent attend Training Hour in relation to the Sunday School attendance.

and young people of our church, trained to serve.

REACH them in the Sunday School . . . WIN them in the Sunday School . . . TEACH them in the Sunday School . . . TRAIN and INDOCTRINATE them in the Training Hour.

## Concerned On Wednesday

by ELSIE YOUNG, MENLO PARK

Today is Wednesday, the time 3:25 p.m. In five minutes Helen McGee's home will swell and rock with the voices of many children in a Home Bible Club. This is an hour set aside each week for youngsters of all ages to learn gospel songs and verses, and hear the Christ-centered stories.

Helen is but one among thousands of Christians who are deeply concerned about America's children, thirty-two million under thirteen who are unchurched.

Here is a housewife, mother of four, a Sunday school teacher who works part-time, but out of her busy schedule takes time to minister to the neighborhood children around her.

Debbie and Barry joyously bounce in the door — this is their home. What a wonderment to their mother to have given them physical life and to observe their spiritual birth and growth. But the words of Deut. 6:7, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and thou risest up," kept ringing and calling for more time in teaching the things of God to her children. The need is for undivided time and attention geared to their

precise problems. The Bible Club is a practical time of study. It serves to strengthen their faith and doctrines, to offset the influence of godless teachers during the week. What an opportunity for a mother!

Robust Charles and space-minded Jim are coming — they live down the street and are playmates of Barry and Debbie. "Love thy neighbor" is taken seriously by Helen on her own Elm Street, U.S.A. And as these neighbors have children, she is striving for a victorious kind of religion through the every day crisis. The "ornery mischief" next door has an eternal soul and an empty heart waiting to pay allegiance to Christ or Satan. Her Bible Club reaches and attracts neighborhood children enrolled in unevangelistic and often modernistic Sunday schools.

Marlene and Chuck enter quietly. They will see and hear the Christ-centered flannel stories. So many have received Christ as their personal Savior on Wednesday and then have to go to their church catechism on Thursday. She is challenged with her front line stand; there are no holds bared and it is a matter of spiritual life or death. Here is a Sunday school teacher serving, watching and praying

that extra hour, going the extra mile. She knows that "Suffer (allow) the little children to come unto me" is a summons to arms to the concerned and prepared worker on Wednesday as well as Sunday.

Mark and Adele are coming, they have no church home. Physically, they are well-fed and clothed, but spiritually they are neglected. Out of every 100 children in America 33 go to church some where - all denominations included. Five will find Christ as their personal Savior, but 28 will never be evangelized. The percentage is ninety-five out of one hundred will remain heathen. (Heathen in Webster's Dictionary: non-religious). "Go ye into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in" (Luke 14:23). This is why there is a Bible Club.

Among the ones who always attend are the towheads, Freddie and Ann, for Helen is their "sitter". Their mother had asked if there would be a Club this year. She added, "There is so much junk and trash which they are picking up from comic books and TV, I appreciate the moral things you teach them at the Bible Club."

Helen's Club has begun with the  
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## News From Our Churches --

### AUBURN —

Bethel Assembly enjoyed a revival in March with Evangelist Claude O. Wood. The pastor is T. E. Fourt.

### BENICIA —

A group from B. B. C. with Dr. C. C. Burnett were recent guests at Benicia. The church is in a building program and has the educational unit half completed. Pastor E. L. Klinsky wishes to thank all the friends for their visits, cards and prayers after his head-on collision. He has not yet fully recovered.

### BIOIA —

Pastor Arnie D. Rogers reports a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil of Fresno. There was an outpouring of the Spirit and 13 were baptised in water.

### CARMICHAEL —

First Assembly Men's Fellowship heard Pastor George Elrod as both speaker and soloist at a banquet in February. L. W. Suter is pastor.

### CARSON CITY, NEV. —

Pastor Dwight Burchett was interviewed on TV recently concerning the youth work project they are setting up. Recently Forrest Beiser of Bethany Bible College with his family and

a group of students ministered in preaching and music. Capitol Assembly has organized a Men's Fellowship. A revival spirit continues and several have been saved.

### CASTRO VALLEY —

Raymond P. Murray of Santa Cruz conducted a week of Leadership Training, Jan. 29 - Feb. 5, with Pastor C. Franklin Murray. Twenty-two certificates were issued at the dedication service on Sunday morning. During the closing service that night one received the Holy Spirit. Plans for a new sanctuary have been completed

and it is hoped construction can begin in the near future. The new building is to seat 400. During the past two years 79 new members have been added to the church and the present facilities are overcrowded. Mrs. C. F. Murray was re-elected sectional W. M. C. director for the East Bay Section.

### CHOWCHILLA —

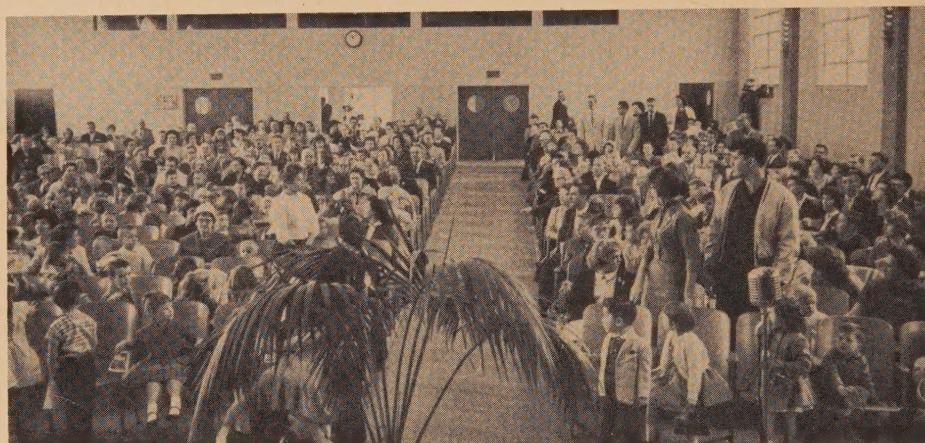
Pastor T. W. Carlton of First Assembly resigned on Jan. 1. The Assistant Pastor Floyd W. Baker was chosen as his successor. Recently a Volkswagen bus was purchased for the Sunday School which is enjoying a continuous growth.

### CHOWCHILLA —

Robertson Boulevard Assembly was host to South San Joachin Section fellowship meeting on Feb. 20. Pastors Floyd Baker of First Assembly and R. S. Robertson of Madera were speakers. Phillip Stewart is pastor.

### CUPERTINO —

Evangelist and Mrs. Harris Lid  
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The Full Gospel Temple of Richmond recently experienced an outstanding revival under the ministry of Evangelist Tommy Barnett. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon every service in an unusual way resulting in over 100 people finding Christ at the altars for salvation. Many were filled with the Spirit. The picture shows one of the evening crowds.



Three assemblies in Salinas combined their efforts this year in one Workers Training Course. They were: Alisal Assembly, Calvary Church and Northside Assembly. Rev. W. C. Robinson was the teacher. The average nightly attendance was 52. Thirty-five certificates were awarded.

### A Vital Question . . .

If death should come suddenly . . . How can you be sure that your wishes will be carried out regarding the disposition of your estate;

that you can continue to support the local church, District, Bible College, missionaries and other soul-winning ministries after you are gone?

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# Men's Fellowship

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GUNNAR SONDENO, President



## The Place of Laymen in the Plan of Redemption

by R. M. RIGGS, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS

The Bible reveals that laymen have a vital part in the plan of redemption. One does not have to look far to find it.

Laymen were present at the great Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was first outpoured. They were co-recipients of the blessing. No distinction was made. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 1:13 enumerates the disciples who were there. The 14th verse goes on to say, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." A few months or days before these last "believed not on him." They had doubtless been converted after his resurrection but were certainly not preachers or apostles. There were one hundred and twenty disciples of whom twelve were apostles. A coincidence that one tenth (a tithe) were preachers and the rest laymen. These 108 laymen and lay-women received the Baptism along with the preachers.

Now Jesus had said, Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. He did not discriminate between preachers that got the Baptism and layman that got the Baptism. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost, by whomever received, brings power, equipment and responsibility to witness even unto the uttermost part of the world. The power is to all who receive. At the very beginning, this power came upon a host of laymen along with the preachers. Thus our Lord arranged that a large group of laymen should be in "on the ground floor" in the initial launching of His program for the completion of the plan of redemption by taking it into all the world. He was counting on them to have a full part in that

plan.

He had specifically included laymen in the Great Commission. "Go ye therefore and teach (make disciples of) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them (the new disciples) to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And He had hardly finished commanding them to "Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endowed with power from on high." He was even then commanding them to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". Therefore to new converts who of necessity would be laymen, the commandment comes, Tarry until you get the Baptism and then go tell about Jesus and his salvation to the ends of the earth. After all he had said, Be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father which is in heaven. Neither be ye called Masters, for one is your Master, even Christ. ALL YE ARE BRETHREN. This levels us off. We are equally dependent upon Him for His mercy and His grace. We are all equally important in His sight.

When He said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He said, He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned. He followed immediately in saying, These signs shall follow them that believe. They that believe shall be saved. In other words, signs shall follow saved believers. Among these signs were ability to cast out demons and lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Only elders should anoint the sick with oil (James 5:14) but ALL BELIEVERS may cast out demons and lay hands on the sick to recover. Thus laymen were specifically endowed with power by the Lord to perform signs in His name.

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## M. F. Announcement

### CHURCH EDUCATION CONVENTION

Men's Fellowship Conference

BETHEL TEMPLE  
Sacramento

Thursday, April 27 - 4:00 P. M.

FOR OFFICERS AND  
SECTIONAL DIRECTORS

## New Officers Elected for Men's Fellowship

At the recent District Council, held Feb. 27 to Mar. 3 in Santa Rosa, three new officers were elected to serve a two-year term.

They were: Gunnar Sonden, president; Norman Hahn, vice president, and Enoch Christoffersen, secretary-treasurer. All three of these fine men are laymen. Brother Sonden is Sales Manager of the Best Fertilizer Company in Hollister which covers the entire Coast Counties area. He has been active in M. F. for several years, serving the past two years as vice president.

Norman Hahn makes his home in Marysville where he has been working as M. F. Director of the section. Norm is in the real estate business.

The new secretary-treasurer, Enoch Christoffersen, is well known as one of the most active laymen in the District. He has served on a number of District committees. Brother Christoffersen is in the poultry business in Turlock.

Under the leadership of these consecrated men we look for the continued blessing of God on the District Men's Fellowship program.



# MISSIONARIES ABROAD

## CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, El Salvador, report a time of unrest in the vicinity of their city. Roads blocked, cars and buses on fire have hindered, but not stopped their progress. Meetings are held five days a week for native pastors and new works continue to open. Continued prayer is urged

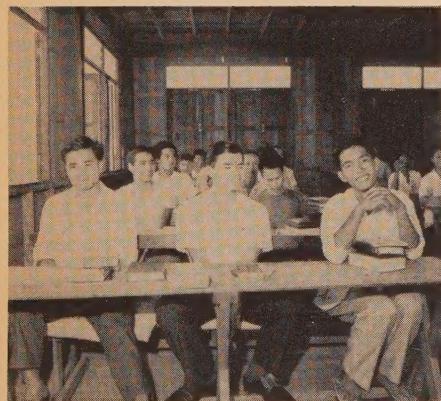
for the great need of a centrally located Bible school. The Lindvalls are due home about camp meeting time.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS —

Eleanor M. Johnson, Cebu City, wrote in answer to a letter asking about her health, "Due to a mistake my doctor made in not giving in writing a clear interpretation of my X-Ray,



Shown above are some of our missionaries who gathered for an evangelistic campaign in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They are (left to right): J. Caballera, H. B. and Mrs. Felton, Pansy Blossom, Ruth Couchman, Veram Tatikian and Jose Balem.



During Rev. F. A. Sturgeon's missionary-evangelism tour in Thailand he was given opportunity to work with the Bible school students there. In the picture a part of the students is shown. Among them are those who have thrilling testimonies of salvation. Many are already engaged in active preaching ministries, and winning many to the Lord.

I had to have additional X-Rays and tests. I haven't been ill, in fact my health is excellent and I have felt wonderful all along." Sister Johnson is teaching in the Bible School.

## SOUTH AFRICA —

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Witbank Transvaal, began a new school term in February. They are nearing the close of their third year. The future of the school at a new site deserves definite prayer that God will give His best in the coming months.

## WEST AFRICA —

Wheeler Anderson reports they are now able to make tape recordings in two of the most important languages of Ghana. These are made free of charge in the States and it is hoped they can be sent in duty free. The Bob Hoskins Crusade was a great success and made a real impact on the town and country.

## East Bay Area Missionary Convention

Eleven Bay area churches cooperated in a great simultaneous Missionary Convention from March 5-19. A group of eleven missionaries and missionary families spoke and presented their fields as they rotated from church to church each night.

The following churches took part in this joint effort: Benicia, Castro Valley, El Cerrito, Fairfield, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Napa, Newark, Richmond (Full Gospel), Vallejo (First).

Charles Greenaway, Paul Pipkin, V. J. Griesen, John Hall, the Bernhard Johnson family, the Kennedys, Floyd Hawkins, George Effman, the Garlocks, the Womacks and the Dillinghams composed the convention missionary team. They displayed native costumes, sang and played, showed many interesting curios and delivered challenging messages.

The Convention was climaxed at a United Rally on Friday, March 17, at the Full Gospel Temple in Richmond.

The reports from many of the pastors on the Convention have been very encouraging and the general feeling is that it was worthwhile for all the participants.

## NEW DATES

Last month the District Calendar for 1961 appeared in *Glad Tidings*. Since that time there has been some additions, alterations and corrections. They are as follows:

College Retreat - May 5-7

Mt. Lassen Adult Camp  
June 28 - July 9

Redwood Adult Camp  
August 2-13

Hoopa Indian Camp  
July 29 - August 6

B.B.C. Campus Day - May 6

B.B.C. Baccalaureate - May 27

B.B.C. Commencement - May 28

I'd rather have people say, "Why didn't they erect a monument for him?" than to have them say, "Why did they?"



## W.M.C. Activities

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## A Note of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your confidence in our re-election. It is our sincere desire to faithfully serve you in behalf of missions. Our hearts are challenged with a world in turmoil which needs the ministry of our Women's Missionary Council to hold up the faithful and sacrificing arms of our missionaries on both home and on foreign soil.

Dear ladies, there is no way in which we can address you with sincerity of heart than just to say GOD BLESS YOU in every good endeavor. May His guiding grace be yours forever and ever.

Goldia Anderson, President  
Elizabeth Gomes, Sec.-Treas.

## MISSIONETTE PROGRAM GROWS

The WMC Department has reported rapid growth for the Missionette program. More than 5,000 copies of the new achievement program, "Stairway to the Stars," have been made available in two months. During February, 77 new Missionette chapters were organized bringing the total to 1,770.

## His Workmanship

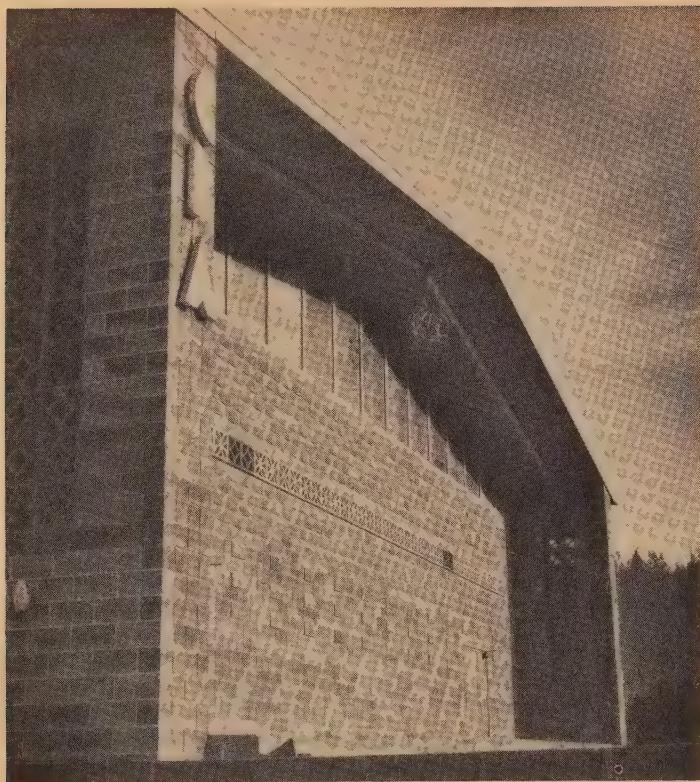
Master Goldsmith, take my life,  
Burn out the impurity,  
That I may come forth as pure gold  
From Thy refinery.  
I yield my will, my life, my all,  
Into Thy tender care;  
Still trusting, whatever the process  
For the Master's hand is there.

Keep me from sinking into despair  
When I can see the dross.  
Help me to view it in the light  
Of Calvary's wondrous cross,  
Where, through His death, I became  
One with Him in God's fathomless  
plan.

Now, I am the workmanship  
Of the Master's skillful hand.

DORIS DEE ELLIS.  
(Copyright, 1959)

# New Gym at C. B. A.



Things are growing at the Canyonville Bible Academy in Canyonville, Oregon. The latest addition to the campus is the new gymnasium.

The 74x108 feet building has a seating capacity of 700. The full lower level provides space for locker rooms, coach's office, four home economics kitchen labs and three extra classrooms. There is about 15,000 sq. ft. of floor space in the building.

There are still finishing touches that need to be made. Heating needs to be installed and the finish floor has yet to be laid.

\$50,000 has already been invested in the structure. There is still an indebtedness that needs to be cleared.

For information about the school write to: C.B.A., Canyonville, Oregon. C.B.A. is affiliated with the Education Department of the Assemblies of God.

## DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

### TOP FIVE GIVERS FOR JANUARY, 1961

*(Church and Personal Offerings)*

Turlock, Bethel .....	\$510.00
Lodi, First A/G .....	116.00
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Las Vegas, Trinity .....	66.00
Eureka, First A/G .....	54.00

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### Teenager from Trinidad — TESTIMONIAL

Santa Flora, Trinidad, W. I., October 15, 1960

I am a teen-ager from the West Indies. We in the West Indies are one of the very many fortunate and blessed peoples who are able to listen to your faith inspiring services over our radios on Sundays. I must say very sincerely that I always look forward to hearing your services on Sundays. From the time I've become an ardent listener to these services I can truly say that something wonderful has happened to me, there has been a great change in my soul. God has truly entered my soul. I can feel His presence and it's wonderful.

Floy M. Dickson

## Personal Mention

ZELMA ARGUE has been in "Prayer and Tarrying" services since the first of January. First in Portland, Ore., then in Montreal, Canada, where about 30 were filled with the Spirit. At Stone Church, Toronto, others were received. Her address is 14 Maytree Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Can.

(Miss) MARIE HITTELL, P. O. Box 662, Santa Clara, is interested in a position as church secretary, church visitor, educational director or assistant pastor. She is a graduate of Bethany Bible College and has business training.

EVANGELIST LEONARD MILLER held three weeks of revival with Pastor Richard Jeffers in Sebastopol, a meeting in Rio Vista with Pastor Irvin Simons, Central Assembly, Santa Rosa, for Pastor Leonard Griffin and a meeting in Firebaugh as well as speaking at a fellowship meeting in Pittsburg.

PASTOR ROY PENNINGTON of Cutler, Calif., reports a two-weeks revival with Evangelist Fred Kirkwood of Denair. Sixteen new families were contacted and are now attending.

RICHARD RUFF of Zurich, Switzerland, is in the States briefly, located in his children in school here.

PASTOR WESLEY STEELBERG, North Hollywood, reports a revival with Evangelist Gene and Ruth Martin on Feb. 26 - Mar. 12.

A. C. and MRS. LONNIE R. WILLIAMS write from Germany, "We have rented a small ground floor apartment just off base and are holding services. We had benches built and the attendance is increasing with a record of 36 on Feb. 18. Your prayers are needed."

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL held in Bakersfield the second week of March were Pastors Palmer, Klinsky, Merriel, Baker, Forrest and the District officers.

## Obituary

Funeral services were conducted for Rev. L. A. Dodson in Red Bluff on Feb. 18.

Pastor R. T. Doherty of Redding was the minister in charge. Nine ministers in the area served as honorary pall bearers.

Brother Dodson had gone to Rochester, New York, to start a church there. In a short while he became ill and soon went to be with the Lord. Sister Dodson has returned to New York to carry on the work.



# Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



## Convention News

### Charles Blair to be Featured Speaker



Charles Blair  
Featured Speaker

Rev. Charles Blair who has proven himself as a man that knows and understands Christian Education and its related subjects, will be the speaker April 27th and 28th at the District Church Education Convention

The Convention will convene at Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Rev. Clyde Henson is the host pastor.

There will be conferences especially designed to help you in your particular church work. Registration will open at Bethel Temple at 4:00, Thursday, the 27th. The following is a preview of the conferences that will be offered.

April 27th Goldia Anderson, Gunnar Sondeno and Dave Colbert will conduct leadership conferences at 6:30 P. M. for W. M. C., Men's Fellowship and Sunday School superintendents.

There will be a children's rally each evening in progress at the same time as the evening service at 7:30. The first evening John McPherson will be in charge of the children's rally and the second evening Phil Young and Billie Sommerfield will minister to the boys and girls. All boys and girls from the ages of 5 - 12 are welcome.

April 28th the Convention opens with a block of conferences which will include: Enlisting and training musical talent - Leader, Dave Yoder. Housing for the Elderly - Max Rondoni, Studies in Christian growth - T. Kermit Jeffery. The United Assembly will then hear Rev. Robert Thomas of Fresno, California speak on the theme United to Grow. At 11:00 there will be a Pastor's Symposium on Christian Education, conducted by Fred Greve. Harriet Wilson will lead a conference for Church Altar Workers. Neighborhood Evangelism will

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### - Convention Schedule - *Conferences*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 27th . . .

4:00 p. m. . . . .  
Registration Opens  
6:30 p. m. . . . .  
W.M.C. Leadership - Goldia Anderson  
Men's Fellowship Leaders -  
Gunnar Sondeno  
S.S. Superintendents - Dave Colbert  
7:30 p. m. . . . .  
Message - Charles Blair  
Children's Rally - John McPherson

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28th . . .

9:00 a. m. . . . .  
Enlisting and Training Musical Talent  
D. Yoder  
Housing for the Elderly - Max Rondoni  
Studies in Christian Growth -  
T. Kermit Jeffery  
10:00 a. m. . . . .  
United Assembly - United to Grow  
Robert Thomas  
11:00 a. m. . . . .  
Pastors Symposium on Christian Education  
Directors - Fred Greve  
Altar Workers - Harriet Wilson  
Neighborhood Evangelism -  
Elsie Young

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28 (Continued)

1:30 p. m. . . . .  
Church Architecture - Jim Shad  
Parliamentary Procedure for Lay  
Leaders - L. Palmer  
Pioneering and Starting New  
Sunday Schools - Cornish Jones  
2:35 p. m. . . . .  
United Assembly - United to Train -  
Paul Trulin  
3:35 p. m. . . . .  
Church Training Hour -  
James Swanson  
Attendance Building -  
Robert Carrington  
Classroom Discipline -  
Mark Bell  
6:30 p. m. . . . .  
Youth Leaders - Steve Asmuth  
Church Ushers - Paul Schoch  
The Church Secretary and Treasurer -  
Jack Edgar  
7:30 p. m. . . . .  
Message - Charles Blair  
Children's Rally -  
Phil Young - B. Sommerfield  
Attendance Awards.

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## Church Education Convention

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be an interesting hour for those desiring help in starting neighborhood Bible classes or clubs.

The afternoon conferences will be in session from 1:30 - 4:30. Among them will be a conference conducted by Jim Shade on Church Architecture.

Leonard Palmer will cover the general field of parliamentary procedure for lay leaders. Cornish Jones will have a conference on Pioneering and starting new Sunday schools.

Our United Assembly at 2:30 will feature Paul Trulin speaking on the theme United to Train. The Church training Hour with James Swanson, Attendance Building with a new approach by Robert Carrington and Classroom Discipline with Mark Bell will conclude our afternoon conferences.

At 6:30 all the delegates will be returning for a conference offered by Steve Asmuth, C. A. president, on Youth Leadership. Paul Schoch will present something of utmost importance to all church ushers, and Jack Edgar will host all church secretaries and treasurers in his 6:30 conference.

Beside the outstanding conferences there will be a visual presentation, "Open My Eyes" and delegation awards, and special recognition to various churches. Pray that God will bless this convention to all that attend and that our ministry will be greater because of what we will receive.

## STILL MISSION FIELD

Since Alaska became a state, many individuals have assumed it would also operate as a district. This is not possible due to the small population and the relatively small size of the churches. The new state is still a missions area under the supervision of the Home Missions Department, and probably will be for some time.

A new pamphlet on the Assemblies of God work in Alaska is available from the Home Missions Department on request. Currently, the denomination has 33 churches or one for every town of 1,000 or more population. Besides churches, the state has eight out-stations and preaching points.

## GENERAL COUNCIL

General Council plans are rapidly being completed for sessions to open Wednesday evening, August 23. The headquarters hotel will be the Multnomah in Portland, Ore. Persons not receiving the reservation form with the March Ministers Letter may write the Public Relations Department for a copy.

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

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# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Steve Asmuth, President



## District Takes Second Place In STL Giving

SACRAMENTO BETHEL TOPS CHURCH LIST



Bethel Temple youth leaders are seen chatting with D-CAP. They are: Warren Grant, youth director, D-CAP Steve Asmuth, Ilene Hanson, president, Hi C. A.'s, Jim Lewis, president, Ambassadors.

Christ's Ambassadors in Northern California and Nevada were surpassed in 1960 total Speed-the-Light giving only by the Southern California District which led the nation. For the second time in three years, our District received second place honors, with D-CAP Steve Asmuth accepting the cup award in Springfield, Mo., for total giving of \$19,154.64.

First place in the nation for total church giving went to Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Its 1960 contributions to S-T-L totaled \$7,604.67. Dual honors were given when its C. A. group ranked fifth in the nation for per capita giving of \$84.00 per member.

Many other C. A. groups have done amazingly well in contributing to this youth missionary program. Because of each church's loyalty to S-T-L, it

has been possible to provide printing equipment, radio equipment, and vehicles to district missionaries, enabling them to go farther, faster, easier, and do a bigger and better job.

A number of district missionary pro-

jects are now in urgent need of 1961 S-T-L funds. There are three important things your C. A. group can do. 1. Attend the S-T-L Rally in your section and make a pledge for 1961. 2. Receive and send in monthly or quarterly offerings. 3. Pray that the hearts of C. A.'s — not only their pocketbooks — will respond to the urgent call of worldwide missions.

*Announcing -*

## 18 CHALLENGING

# Speed-The-Light Rallies

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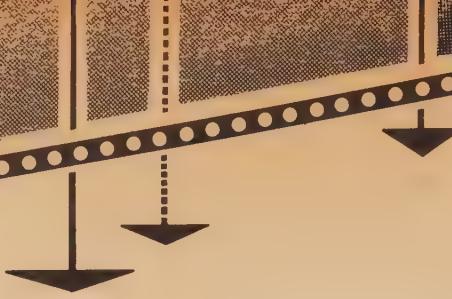
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10	—	Peninsula	Lewis
13	—	Lake - Mendocino	Lewis
14	—	Redwood	Lewis
14	—	North Neveda	Clark
15	—	Sierra Nevada	Clark
17	—	Sacramento Valley	Clark
18	—	Lassen - Plumas	Clark
20	—	Butte	Lewis
21	—	Shasta	Lewis
24	—	Capitol	Clark
25	—	Contra Costa	Clark
27	—	Central San Joaquin	Clark
May 1	—	East Bay	Clark
2	—	North Bay	Clark
5	—	East - North Bay	Lewis
8	—	Coast Counties	Clark



He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1



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## NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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strand held a special meeting for Pastor H. Russell Baker in March.

### GALT —

Pastor Carroll D. Holloway reports Bethel enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Donald Martin of Arlington, Texas in February. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit.

### HAYWARD —

Bethel Temple heard Mark Buntain on Feb. 12, 17-19. The Buntains left for Calcutta, India, Mar. 3. Bethel's annual missionary convention was held Mar. 12-19. James Swanson is pastor.

### LINCOLN —

Pastor C. W. Oney writes a special meeting was held with Evangelist George Branch in February.

### MILL VALLEY —

Southern Marin Assembly was host to the YFC Musicale on Feb. 5. YFC is attempting to put Bible clubs in the local high schools. Sister Bernhard Johnson and family were guest missionaries in February. James Walton is pastor.

### MODESTO —

Bethel Church heard Walt Boring Feb. 19 at both the C. A. and evening services. L. B. Lewis is pastor.

### MORGAN HILL —

Pastor Douglas Fairrington writes the evangelistic meeting with Eddie and Ruth Washington resulted in several saved and a number of definite dedications. Many commented that this was one of the finest meetings in the history of the church. Charles Beadle of Bethany Bible College and the Freshman Male Chorus were guests recently.

### OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple heard E. S. Williams on Feb. 26. On March 19, Frank Boyd, recently returned from Japan, was speaker. Dr. C. C. Burnett and the B. B. C. Freshman Quartet were guests recently. The pastor is Oliver Foth.

### ORANGEVALE —

Joseph L. Gerhart was guest speaker and dedicated the newly adopted daughter of Pastor and Mrs. M. L. Woods on Jan. 15. Ernie Rebb and Donald Leach were recent speakers. First Assembly co-operated in the area-wide training course taught by L. R. Keys at Carmichael.

### PITTSBURG —

The Bella Vista Sunday School saw an increase from 142 to 160 in February. In the last two months 15 have been saved or reclaimed and five received the Holy Spirit. The auditorium has been completely redecorated.

It has a new ceiling and refinished floors and new pews and aisle runners. The pastor is W. L. Farmer.

### RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple recently experienced an outstanding revival with Evangelist Tommy Barnett. Over 100 found Christ or were reclaimed. Many were filled with the Spirit and the "old-timers" said they had never witnessed anything to equal it. Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton reports that the entire church has benefited from this meeting. On Feb. 12 Rev. E. Joseph Perna from Philadelphia was welcomed as the new associate pastor. Bro. Perna will work mostly with the youth and Christian education. Bethany Bible College Waymakers were recent musical guests.

### RIO LINDA —

Pastor J. C. Browning reports a 10 day revival with Evangelist Paul Neece of Wyoming.

### SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple heard Paul Finkenbinder of Central America on Feb. 5. Pastor Robert Carrington of Turlock was guest speaker at the Ambassador banquet on Feb. 9. Returned missionaries from East Africa, the H. B. Garlocks, were guest speakers on Feb. 12. Clyde Henson is pastor.

### SACRAMENTO —

Glad Tidings Assembly reports an increase in Sunday School and church attendance. Evangelist and Mrs. Riddlesperger held a revival in February for Pastor G. L. Baser.

### SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly enjoyed the Fore-runners Quartet of Bethany Bible College on Mar. 10-12. Mrs. Harry Warwick was guest speaker for an evening W. M. C. service. Ray Oliver is pastor.

### SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple's Pastor T. Kermit Jeffrey is now assisted by Bill Williams, formerly assistant to Pastor Paul Long of Reedley. His duties include the areas of youth and visitation. Evangelist Ernie Rebb was guest speaker in Feb. and Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Bender held a ten-day meeting in February. F. E. B. C.'s Bob Bowman and Dick Bronson were special speakers on Mar. 12. Calvary Temple missionaries James and Connie Dresbach left for Okinawa by plane on March 6.

### SANTA CRUZ —

Craig Chapel was host to the Coast Counties fellowship meeting on Feb. 13. Ralph Riggs was speaker. During the B. B. C. spring revival under the ministry of Evangelist Ron Prinzing, at least six of the Chapel C. A.'s re-

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## Evangelists . . .

### in Our District

### ED AND MARILYN RASMUSSEN —

The Rasmussens have traveled in evangelistic work throughout the United States and Canada for the past five years. They conduct unique services which they call Family Nights. The emphasis is on youth and children, but a strong appeal is made for parents to attend. Songs, stories illustrated by film, puppet dramas and an object sermon is the usual order of service. They have a number of mechanical object lessons and a portable puppet stage which stands ten feet high and seven feet wide. God has blessed their ministry among the young people and they have seen many experience salvation. The Rasmussens travel with a house trailer. You may reach them by writing to: Rev. E. G. Rasmussen, 12581 - 104th Ave., North Surrey, B. C., Canada.

### FAITH

By JANE LYON KEITH

Stone by stone a wall is made,  
And each stone must lie square.

Petal by petal a rose unfolds,  
And each petal must be fair.

Little by little faith is built  
And day by day it grows;

Stronger at last than a wall of stone,  
And lovelier than a rose.

'Tis better to walk by faith than sight  
In this path of your and mine;  
And the pitch black night, when  
there's no outer light,

Is the time for faith to shine.

## Concerned on Wednesday

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singing of "Jesus Loves the Little Children." As she lifts her eyes to the harvest she sees her towheads, the neighbor kids, and the ones she baby sits. "Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do with thy might" even if it means the elimination of many other time-consuming activities. She is no longer tapping her foot and waiting till the children are grown to do something for the Lord. Having the Bible Club keeps her own experience fresh and moving. She has a Club because she loves Him and those for whom Christ died. She is fully convinced that Jesus loves the little children on Wednesday as well as on Sunday. Her mission field is right here on Elm Street, USA.

## News from Our Churches

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ceived the Holy Spirit. Dick Bronson of Far East Broadcasting Company was guest speaker on Mar. 2. L. Thomas Holdcroft is pastor.

### SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly has participated in seven-days-a-week prayer meetings since October. Pastor Adrian Benning credits the many recent converts and church growth, baptisms and healings to this time of prayer. Special speakers have been Dr. C. C. Burnett, David duPlessis, John Kennedy and Robert Renfroe. William Vickery taught the annual church workshop in Jan.

### SOLEDAD —

Pastor John G. Mills of Calvary Tabernacle reports God's blessing on the work. A lady recently saved, a mother of nine, has brought 20 additional children to Sunday School. Marie Filardo taught the course, "The Ministry of Visitation".

### STIRLING CITY —

Pastor Lester Wood Jr. reports a recent revival with Bethany Student Wayne Pyzer. Illustrated messages were very effective and there were 16 conversions. Two young men felt called to preach and many dedicated their lives to God. The young people of the town of 100 were stirred.

### SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly heard Dr. C. C. Burnett on Feb. 5, representing Bethany Bible College. Former general superintendent E. S. Williams was guest speaker on Mar. 5. Ralph Hilligas is pastor.

### TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard Morris Devin of Indonesia on Feb. 12 and E. S. Williams on Feb. 5. Bethel Sunday School averaged 569 in February. The pastor is Robert Carrington.

### WEST SACRAMENTO —

First Assembly, located on Jefferson Blvd., held dedication services on Mar. 19 with guest speakers Joseph L. Gerhart, Clyde Henson and R. A. Wilson Sr. R. G. Keskeys is pastor.

### WILLITS —

Pastor Edward Byrum reports a week of meetings with Evangelist Andy Fliflet in February. This was a real blessing to the church and the attendance has increased. They are beginning a new parsonage.

### WOODLAND —

Pastor R. A. Wilson Jr. reports the Ralph Cranston meeting in February was very successful.

### VALLEJO —

First Assembly guest speakers on Feb. 19 were Evangelist and Mrs.

## Healing In Atonement

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Someone may ask, "How can I believe for healing of my body? On what may I base my faith to even pray and ask for it?" We pray for the sick, we believe for healing simply because God has promised in His Word that we should come in faith and ask Him for it. II Corinthians 1:20 assures us of the promises of God — that "in Him (Christ) all the promises are yea and amen." His Word or promise is our surety for anything we need. His promises are based on His willingness to be merciful and gracious to His own in keeping with His own counsel and purpose. For our salvation He binds Himself with a covenant. For after blessings we trust a loving Father's love and promise.

Is divine healing for us today? Yes! Is it for us through Christ? Yes! Is it in the atonement? Yes! In the same way that deliverances from the earth-curse and physical death is in it? Is it in the atonement on the same basis of equality and demand? This we question. Why? First, healing of the temporal body does not compare in importance with the salvation of soul and spirit. Second, it is not according to the biblical experience in either the Old or New Testaments. Third, it is not consistent with experiences of persons of strong faith today.

God still heals those who come to Him in faith and trust in His promises. Many are enjoying rich quickenings from time to time through faith and trust. We are not wrong in believing that it is something we can expect from God today. But it is still to be questioned as to whether it is on the same basis as salvation from sin due to the differences in, or inferiority of, the object on which it operates and the sphere of its functioning.

Martin Busse. Pastor Paul Trulin spoke at the Santa Clara County Sunday School Convention in February. Einer Waermo was guest soloist on Feb. 27. Mrs. Bernhard Johnson and family were guests on National W. M. C. Day. First Assembly's annual missionary convention was held March 12-20 with Charles Greenaway special speaker and a number of District missionaries participated.

### VALLEJO —

North Vallejo Assembly, under the leadership of Pastor Virgil Eldridge, has grown from 19 a year ago to a present 60. Nine have been saved, two reclaimed, 15 baptised in water and 16 received into the church. Forty adults are now attending.

## Place of Laymen

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Did the laymen of those days take Jesus literally? We have already seen how they considered themselves included in His command to "tarry until". They were right there when the fire fell. And Jesus was "right there" to give them the Holy Spirit as He did the others. In Acts 6 a clear distinction was made between the apostles and those that served tables. Out from among "the multitude of the disciples", seven (lay)men were chosen full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom who were appointed over "this business". The story of two of these laymen is told in Acts 6-8. Taking Jesus literally that all believers could cast out devils and lay hands on the sick, Stephen and Philip "did great wonders and miracles among the people", "For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame were healed". And they took him literally that the Baptism was power to witness for all who received, for their hearers were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which they spake and preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. In Philip's case, the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which he spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. As for Stephen, *they stoned him and a layman became the first martyr for Christ.*

A further statement concerning the activity of laymen in those days is found in Acts 8: 1, 4. Here it is recorded that the disciples were all scattered abroad "except the apostles". "And they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" This being scattered abroad of the laymen included Philip and his going down to Samaria, and resulted in the great revival in that city. Others traveled as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch where a great missionary church was founded. This was done by laymen obeying the Great Commission and going forth in the power of the Holy Ghost.

We have seen the vital part laymen took in the plan of redemption in the Apostolic age. What part do or should they have now? Present day believers, including laymen of course, were prayed for by Jesus in His High Priestly prayer. "Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Jno. 17:20. And His prayer was that we all might be one. One surely in completing the

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plan of redemption as well as in Christian fellowship. And the last message of Christ personally to the churches (Rev. 2 and 3) says the He hates the doctrine and the deeds of the Nicolaitans. Even then on unscriptural distinction was being made between the ministry and the laity and the Lord rebuked it sharply. *Respect for the ministry is taught in the Word but the Bible does not teach that laymen should leave their work and responsibility for spreading the gospel for the preachers to do or that the preachers should monopolize the work of furthering the kingdom. Preachers should be "overseers" of the flock, which implies a group of church workers over which he exercises a guiding, helping hand. Pastors are "for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry."* Eph. 4:12.

The pastor is in desperate need of the active, Spirit-filled participation of all the laymen of his church. Each local church must fill its Jerusalem with the doctrine. Acts 5:28. The pastor needs every man on deck for the job. When the Son of Man took his far journey, he left "every man his work." Mark 13:34. That means every man, not just every preacher.

Let me go further. The Holy Ghost is in desperate need of every man in the church in the accomplishment of His assigned task to see that Christ did not die in vain when He shed His blood for the whole world. It behooved Christ to suffer and it behooves us, every man Jack of us, to be His witnesses among all nations, beginning at our Jerusalem. Luke 24:46-48.

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## Evangelical Students Meet at Evangel College

Third annual conference of the American Association of Evangelical Students will meet at Evangel College April 19-22. Conference theme will be "The Evangelical Answer to Communism."

Main speaker will be Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, biweekly theological magazine, and author of 13 books published from 1941 to 1957. Dr. Henry was formerly chairman of the philosophy and religion department of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and also was a faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Also speaking at the American Association of Evangelical Students convention will be Fulton Lewis III, staff member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Lewis is editor of a widely shown film, "Operation Abolition," compiled from news coverage of the San Francisco City Hall student riot last May 13.

In their workshop sessions during the AAES conference students will explore practical means of combating Communism, and general campus problems. The American Association of Evangelical Students currently has 16 member colleges.

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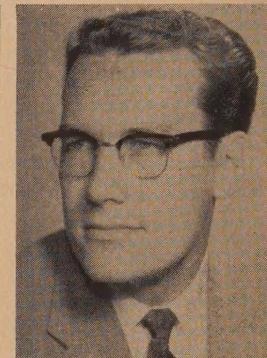
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## *Schedule of Conferences*

Thursday, April 27th . . .

4:00 p.m. . . .  
Registration Opens  
6:30 p.m. . . .  
W.M.C. Leadership - Goldia Anderson  
Men's Fellowship Leaders  
Gunnar Sondeno  
S.S. Superintendents - Dave Colbert  
7:30 p.m. . . .  
Message - Charles Blair  
Children's Rally - John McPherson

Friday, April 28th . . .

9:00 a.m. . . .  
Enlisting and Training Musical Talent  
D. Yoder  
Housing for the Elderly - Max Rondoni  
Studies in Christian Growth -  
T. Kermit Jeffrey  
10:00 a.m. United Assembly - United to  
Grow - Robert Thomas  
11:00 a.m. . . .  
Pastor's Symposium on Christian Ed-  
ucation Directors - Fred Greve  
Altar Workers - Harriet Wilson  
Neighborhood Evangelism -  
Elsie Young

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 (Continued)

1:30 p.m. . . .  
Church Architecture - Jim Shad  
Parliamentary Procedure for Lay  
Leaders L. Palmer  
Pioneering and Starting New Sunday  
Schools - Cornish Jones  
2:35 p.m. . . .  
United Assembly - United to Train -  
Paul Trulin  
3:35 p.m. . . .  
Church Training Hour -  
James Swanson  
Attendance Building -  
Robert Carrington  
Classroom Discipline -  
Mark Bell  
6:30 p.m. . . .  
Youth Leaders - Steve Asmuth  
Church Ushers - Paul Schoch  
The Church Secretary and Treasurer -  
Jack Edgar  
7:30 p.m. . . .  
Message - Charles Blair  
Children's Rally -  
Phil Young - B. Sommerfield  
Attendance Awards